

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1908

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Editorial Manager

The Times-Herald is in receipt of a very complete report of the Oregon Conservation Commission to the Governor which gives some very interesting information regarding water and water power conditions in this state. The various Carey act segregations throughout the state are shown by maps, besides some half-tone cuts show some of the fine water power sites while others show the effects of irrigation.

Thousands of cattle on the range of Colorado are reported to be starving, with the prospect that there will be an unprecedented loss to the cattlemen during the winter, which opened early, and has caught a majority of stockmen unprepared. Feed is selling at almost prohibitive prices in the range district, hay now bringing \$25 to \$50 a ton in the Arkansas valley and Park Range districts. In the Park Range district the first snow, which fell early in October, still covers the ranges and hundreds of cattle perished in the first storm. This number was increased to thousands in the storm of the past few days and the stockmen are desperate. These cattle cannot be shipped, because they are in poor condition and are not beef cattle.

INCREASES PRICE OF TIMBER LAND.

The Oregon's Washington correspondent has the following in a recent issue:

Beginning December 1, unreserved public timber lands entered under the timber and stone act must be paid for at its appraised value and will no longer be sold for a flat rate of \$2.50 per acre. Secretary Garfield today promulgated a regulation to this effect, basing it upon the law, which says that timber land shall be sold "for minimum price of \$2.50 per acre." Garfield holds that if \$2.50 is the minimum price, a greater amount can legally be charged for valuable timber lands.

Under the new regulation a person desiring to make a timber entry must file his application, accompanying it by an affidavit stating that he has been personally upon the land and must submit his own estimate as to the amount of timber and its value and value of land when cleared. These fillings will give him a preference right to the land.

Within nine months the Government will undertake to make its own appraisal and, when this is done, the applicant can have the land at the Government's price, but his preference right will be forfeited if he fails to make payment within 30 days after the Interior Department completes its appraisal. Whenever the Government fails to complete appraisal within nine months, the applicant can secure the land by making payment at his own appraised valuation. Where the government's appraisal is considered too high the land can be reappraised at the expense of applicant.

In no instance will timber land be sold for less than \$2.50 per acre. No entryman can cut timber during the time appraisal is being made, nor before he receives a patent from the Government.

Last winter Secretary Garfield endeavored to persuade Congress to amend the timber and stone act so as to provide for the disposal of timber land at appraised value. When Congress failed to act it was announced that the Secretary would do by regulation what Congress had failed to do by legislation. Today's order is the carrying out of the threat. Garfield's order is not retroactive. It does not affect any entry here-to fore made.

RANGE CATTLE IN OREGON.

The range cattle still constitute one of Oregon's leading industries. The frontier has not yet been abolished; the wilderness has not been driven back all along the line. The first range cattle brought into Oregon by Americans was in 1836. Ten men went from the Willamette valley to California with \$1,600 and bought 600 head. From this beginning 150,000 head of cattle were driven to the eastern market in a single season. There are still cattle ranches in the

great body of 40,000 square miles of territory without a railroad.

One of these ranches is in the southern part of Harney county. Most of these are what are known as range cattle, yet they are improved in every respect over the old style of range cattle. Many thousand head of beef cattle are driven out of this country each season, down through the Klamath country to the railroad, but there are still many thousand that are sold in Harney and Lake counties to the ranchers who raise large quantities of alfalfa and fatten them between November and March, so they go on the market in the spring in good condition bringing a much better price than if sold in the fall.

There are scores of country in southern Oregon and Northern California where the wolves and coyotes have become so troublesome that the sheepmen are going out of the business of raising sheep and stocking their ranches with cattle. More and more each year the large ranges are being divided up, yet there are more cattle raised in Oregon today than ever before.—Blue Mt. Eagle.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

The Times-Herald is in receipt of the program for the teachers' annual institute to be held in Burns on Dec. 16, 17 and 18 at the high school building. Supt. Hamilton desired to hold the institute earlier, but could not arrange dates with outside instructors.

One feature that has been added to the program this year is a convention of school officers of the county which will be held on Friday afternoon, Dec. 18. It is hoped to have all the directors and clerks of the districts of the county in attendance at that time, in fact the school boards will be most welcome at the entire session of the institute, but they are especially asked to be present Friday afternoon for which a special program will be arranged. Both President French of the Weston Normal and L. R. Alderman of the University of Oregon will participate in this effect, basing it upon the law, which says that timber land

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The institute instructors will include President French, of the Weston Normal, L. R. Alderman State University; Prin. I. C. Raymond, Miss Clayte Burrow and Mrs. Dorothy Irwin of the Burns public school, Prin. D. W. Yoder, and Miss Josephine Locher, of the high school, Miss Georgia Ellis of Burns and G. A. Collier of the Riley school.

The program will be printed and distributed early next week. It is hoped the public will take an interest in the institute. Evening session will be held in the Presbyterian church.

HIGH SCHOOL LITERARY.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Elmer McManus. The secretary, Bessie Swain, called the roll. Those absent were Joe Thompson and Dorcas Sween. The minutes were read and approved. The following program was rendered: Song by school Beautiful Bells Reading Zella Irving Solo Helen Purington Essay.... Willie Huffman Duet Nina Wiseman and Agnes Cawfield Recitation Lou Davy Debate: Resolve that it would be to the advantage of the United States to establish complete commercial reciprocity between United States and Canada.

Aff. Neg. Cecil Irving Chester Mace Armond Ausmus Waldo Geer

Ora Dickenson Gussie Bardwell Song by school

Resitation Catch the Sunshine Solo Sherman Smith Emma Johnson Florence Thompson Reading Willie Young Song by school Swinging 'Neath the Old Apple Tree

The judges of the debate, Mrs. Terrill, Juliet King and Ralph Irving, decided in favor of the negative.

SOME BUSINESS CHANGES.

Dell E. Hale has bought out H. E. Thompson in the Burns hotel and will assume active charge of that hotel next Monday. Mr. Thompson is not sure what he will do. He has several propositions but has not yet made up his mind what vocation he will take up.

Since the above paragraph was put in type we learn that Mr. Dibble not only bought Mr. Thompson's furniture, etc., but also bought Henry Richardson's half interest in the Burns, including the bar, paying \$5,000 for the property. He and Thos. Stephens are now partners and will conduct the entire business, Mr. Richardson retiring.

Henderson Elliott has also bought the Burns livery, feed and stable of Simon Lewis and J. T. Garrett and has already assumed charge. Mr. Elliott paid \$6,500 for this property and together with the Overland hotel which he has leased will be conducted by himself and sons. Messrs. Lewis and Garrett took 160 head of cattle besides the calves making in all about 200 head as part payment on the property, the rest being cash. Mr. Lewis did not dispose of his home in this city but expects to spend a good portion of his time on his farm above town.

TIRE OF BEING DRY.

A press dispatch says: Three separate attacks upon the local option law, as applied to Malheur County, are contained in as many appeal suits filed with Major Lee Moorhouse, clerk of the State Supreme Court for Eastern Oregon. Arguments on the appeals will be heard at the May term of the Supreme Court for this division.

In each case the action is based upon charters adopted since the passage of the local-option law under which the county was voted dry last June. Two are from Vale, while the third is from Westfall. Both city charters were granted in February, 1905, and while the consensus of legal opinion is that the towns of Condon, Medford and Estacada are the only ones affected by the recent Supreme Court decision, the liquor interests in Malheur county have hopes of winning out.

For sale by H. M. Horton, Burns, Or.

C. Peace of Lakeside, Idaho, Mr. Johnson of Victor, Montana; Mr. Reed, of Pullman, Wash.; are all here for the purpose of locating and investing in Harney county. They left this afternoon in company with W. T. Lester of the Inland Empire Realty Co. for a look over the valley.

Pineapples for the kidneys are little golden globules which act directly on the kidneys. A trial will convince you of quick results for Backache, Rheumatism, Lumbago and tired wornout feeling. 30-day trial \$1.00. They purify the blood. Sold by The Welcome Pharmacy, Burns, Ore., Fred Haines, Harney, Ore.

No. 6295.

Report of the condition of the FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BURNS, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, November 22d, 1908.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts..... \$174,097.45

Overdrafts, secured and unsecured..... 25,173.19

U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits..... 20,000.00

Other Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits..... 20,000.00

Bonds, securities, etc..... 2,000.00

Banking house, furniture and fixtures..... 30,198.76

Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)..... 6,000.00

Due from approved reserve agents..... 40,101.94

Check and other cash items..... 22,511.11

Notes of other National Banks..... 1,289.75

Postage, paper, currency, nickels, and cents..... 500.00

Total..... 261.90

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in..... \$25,000.00

Surplus..... 25,000.00

Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid..... 3,049.18

National Bank Notes outstanding..... 20,000.00

Due to Other National Banks..... 363.94

Due to State Banks and Bankers..... 1,007.94

Due to Trust Companies and Savings Banks..... 1,007.94

Individual deposits subject to check..... 10,007.12

Demand certificates of deposit..... 22,225.27

Time certificates of deposit..... 88,105.74

Certificates of deposit..... 3,200.00

Gold and silver outstanding..... 3,000.18

United States Deposits..... 47,404.29

Deposited in U. S. Banking offices..... 2,004.29

Liabilities other than those stated..... 3,000.00

Total..... \$113,832.62

STATE OF OREGON, 1908
COUNTY OF HARNEY, 1908

I, J. L. GRUBB, Notary of the above named bank, solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Correct—Altest!

J. W. GEARY,
H. M. HORTON,
C. A. DALEY

Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2d day of Dec., 1908.

W. W. MILLER,
Notary Public for Oregon.

The old hens continue their strike and eggs are therefore scarce.

G. W. Clevenger is again in the market for hides. Highest market price paid.

The Times-Herald has received some new stationery stock including score cards, program pencils, etc., for its many patrons.

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